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CIA RELATIONS WITH ITT

The Agency has, over the years, maintained the policy that its representatives, both overseas and in the United States, will exchange views on political developments in foreign countries with reliable and knowledgeable individuals who are active abroad in industry, academic circles and science. This approach resulted in CIA having a dialogue with ITT representatives during 1970, both in the United States and in Chile.

The contacts in Chile centered on ITT representatives [REDACTED] [REDACTED] having an occasional exchange of views with our Station Chief. It should be noted, however, that the ITT representatives also maintained direct contact in Chile with the American Ambassador, newspapermen and local politicians. In short, their contact with our Station was simply a part of their total portfolio.

At the Washington level the contact with ITT in 1970 had its origins in a telephone call from Mr. John McCone, an ITT director, to Mr. Helms in which it was suggested that a dialogue should exist between the Agency and ITT at the top levels. In response to this, Mr. Helms sent Mr. Broe to talk to ITT's Mr. Harold Geneen. The first meeting between Mr. Broe and Mr. Geneen was on 16 July 1970. Thereafter through October 1970, Mr. Broe held five meetings with ITT officials Mr. Edward

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Gerrity and Mr. William Merriam. Mr. Broe was also in touch with Mr. Geneen by phone on 27 July 1970.

In 1971, at [REDACTED] request, Mr. Broe met him for lunch on five occasions at irregular intervals to exchange views on Chilean developments.

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